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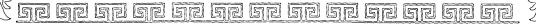
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四、中文發明摘要 (發明名稱:直下式背光模組)

五、(一)、本案代表圖為:第二圖 (二)、本案代表圖之元件代表符號簡單說明

50 背光模組 51 擴散板

六、英文發明摘要 (發明名稱: VERTICAL TYPE BACKLIGHT UNIT)

A vertical-type backlight unit for flat panel display apparatuses is disclosed. The vertical-type backlight unit encompasses a plurality of lamps installed in a housing in substantially parallel manner. A plurality of reflection plates are combined with corresponding lamps to constitute independent lamp module cartridges, each of which is removable from one side of the





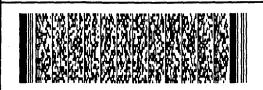
四、中文發明摘要 (發明名稱:直下式背光模組)

52 槽型反射板 53 燈管

54 殼體 60 顯示面板

六、英文發明摘要 (發明名稱:VERTICAL TYPE BACKLIGHT UNIT)

housing. A diffusing pad is disposed over the plurality of lamp module cartridges for diffusing light. An optical sheet is provided on the diffusing pad.



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五、發明說明(1)

發明所屬之技術領域

本發明係關於一種應用於平面顯示器之直下式背光模組 (backlight unit),特別是一種方便拆換燈管之直下式背光模組。

先前技術

背光模組是液晶顯示器產品的關鍵零組件之一,普遍應用於數位相機、數位個人助理 (PDA)、衛星導航系統電腦監視器以及平面電視上。背光模組一般設於顯示面板 (display panel)的下方,具有一光源與一光學時片,可提供一句分散之光源。光源面板光源面板光源面板光源面板光源面板光源面板上的分成水水。 其中面板 人名斯斯 在位置,背光模组或是光源水 自顯示面板侧式下的组成水水 自顯示 大 模組或是光源水 自顯示面板侧式 背光模组或是光源水 自顯示面板侧式 背光模组或是光源水 自顯示面板侧式 背光模组或表来的正下方,因此可應用於原產生器位於顯示面板的正下方,例如電視機。

圖一為習知直下式 (vertical-type)背光模組的剖面示意圖。背光模組 10係位於一顯示面板 12的下方,其包含有一擴散板 16、一反射板 18以及多支燈管 14平行排列於由擴散板 16以及金屬反射板 18所定義之容室 30內。反

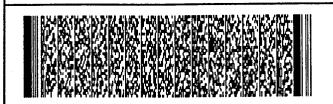




五、發明說明 (2)

射板 18係用於將燈管 14產生的光線向上反射,以增加光的使用率。擴散板 (diffusing pad)16則將反射光進一步散射成均勻分散之光線。擴散板 16一般為壓克力材質或PC所構成,光穿透率約為 50%至 80%左右。為了讓背光模組 10能提供均勻的光線,習知在擴散板 16的一面上印刷,形成分散的油墨印刷點或遮光點 17。在擴散板 16的上方另設有一擴散片 (diffusing sheet)20以及一光學膜片 22。其中,擴散片 20具有較擴散板 16高的光穿透率,一般使用 PET或 PC材質構成,其厚度大約在 0.11釐米至 0.15釐米之間。

發明內容





五、發明說明 (3)

本發明之目的在於提供一種直下式背光模組,可直接由殼體側面抽換單一燈管,以解決上述問題。

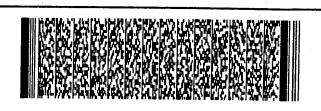


為讓本發明之上述目的、特徵和優點能更明顯易懂,下文特舉一較佳實施例,並配合所附圖式,作詳細說明如下。

节施方式

請參閱圖二與圖三,圖二為依據本發明第一較佳實施例之背光模組50剖面示意圖,圖三為依據本發明第一





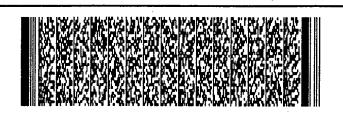
五、發明說明(4)

較佳實施例單一燈管模組之立體側視圖。如圖二所示, 背光模組 50係位於一平面顯示面板 60的下方。背光模組 50包含有一殼體 54、一擴散板 51固定於該殼體 54上、複 數個槽型反射板 52以及多支燈管 53相對應設於各該複數 個槽型反射板 52內。各槽型反射板 52與相對應之燈管 53 係做模組化設計,使其能單獨抽換而不影響到鄰近其它 模組化之燈管件。如圖三所示,在槽型反射板 52上穿設 有一穿孔 521,用來容納一電線 (未圖示)。

燈管 53可以為一冷陰極螢光燈管 (cold cathode f.uorescent lamp, CCFL),其排列於由擴散板 51以及反射板 52所定義之容室內。反射板 52具有一平坦底面以及兩側傾面,可以為鋁金屬或合金、發泡 PET膜或 PC樹脂所構成。擴散板 51係由聚甲基丙烯酸甲酯 (PMMA)、碳酸丙烯酯 (Propylene Carbonate)或聚對苯二甲酸乙二醇酯 (PET)或類似之高分子複合材料構成。依據本發明較佳實施例,擴散板 51係以 PMMA所構成,其厚度約數釐米。此外,在擴散板 51的上方可另設有一光學膜片 (未圖示)。

請參閱圖四以及圖五,其中圖四為本發明第二較佳 一施例之背光模組70剖面立體示意圖,圖五為本發明第 二較佳實施例之燈管模組示意圖。如四所示,背光模組 70係位於一平面顯示面板80的下方。背光模組70包含有 一殼體74、一擴散板71固定於該殼體74上、一反射板72





五、發明說明 (5)

同樣地,燈管 73可以為一冷陰極螢光燈管 (cold cathode fluorescent lamp, CCFL),其排列於由擴散板71以及反射板 72所定義之容室內。反射板 72具有一平坦底面,可以為鋁金屬或合金、發泡 PET膜或 PC樹脂所構。擴散板 71係由聚甲基丙烯酸甲酯 (PMMA)、碳酸丙烯酯 (Propylene Carbonate)或聚對苯二甲酸乙二醇酯 (PET)或類似之高分子複合材料構成。依據本發明較佳實施例,擴散板 71係以 PMMA所構成,其厚度約數釐米。此





五、發明說明 (6)

外,在擴散板71的上方可另設有一光學膜片91。此外,在擴散板71上可設有一擴散片92。

根據本發明,使用者可由該殼體之側面用手直接進行損壞之該燈管的抽換動作,而不需要運用其它工具將該擴散板從該殼體上拆卸下來,可節省時間且方便使用者操作,使該直下式背光模組可藉由方便換裝壞的燈管,而延長其使用壽命。

以上所述僅為本發明之較佳實施例,凡依本發明申請專利範圍所作之均等變化與修飾,皆應屬本發明之涵蓋範圍。



圖式簡單說明

圖式之簡單說明

圖一為習知背光模組之剖面示意圖。

圖二為依據本發明第一較佳實施例之背光模組剖面示意圖。

圖三為依據本發明第一較佳實施例單一燈管模組之立體側視圖。

圖四為本發明第二較佳實施例之背光模組剖面立體示意圖。

圖五為本發明第二較佳實施例之燈管模組示意圖。

圖式之符號說明

10	背 光 模 組	12	顯示面板
14	燈 管	16	擴散板
18	反射板	20	擴散片
22	光學膜片	3 0	容室
50	背光模組	5 1	擴散板
52	槽型反射板	53	燈 管
54	殼 體	60	顯示面板
521	穿孔	70	背光模組
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73	燈 管	74	殼 體



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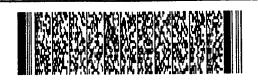
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92 擴散片



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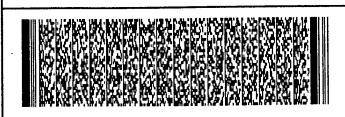
1. 一種直下式背光模組,包含有:

複數個燈管,平行排列於一殼體中;

複數個反射板,相對應設於各該複數個燈管的下方,並與各該複數個燈管構成一可獨立抽換之燈管模組;

一擴散板,設於該複數個燈管上方並固定於該殼體,用以均勻該複數個燈管產生之光線;以及 一光學膜片,設於該擴散板之上。

- 2. 如申請專利範圍第1項所述之直下式背光模組,其中該複數個燈管為一冷陰極螢光燈管。
- 3. 如申請專利範圍第1項所述之直下式背光模組,其中該直下式背光模組另包含有一光學膜片,該光學膜片包含擴散片、菱鏡片與偏光穿透反射片,設於該擴散板之上。
- 6. 如申請專利範圍第 1項所述之直下式背光模組,其中各該複數個燈管皆有一高壓端與一低壓端,且該低壓端上套設有一第一橡膠蓋件,該高壓端上套設有一第二橡,蓋件。
- 7. 如申請專利範圍第6項所述之直下式背光模組,其中該第一橡膠蓋件係嵌於該殼體之一第一側壁上,該第二

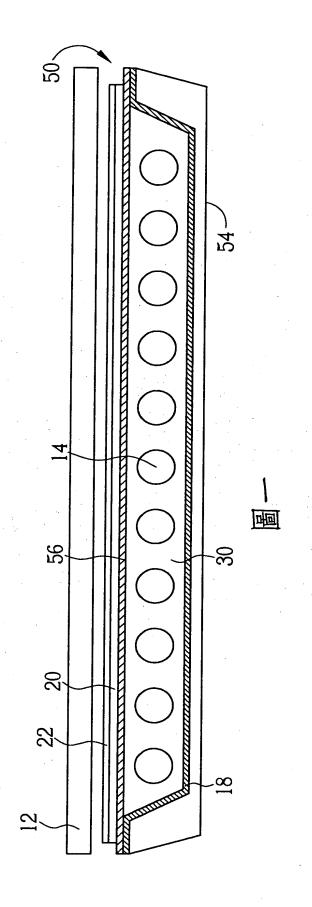


六、申請專利範圍

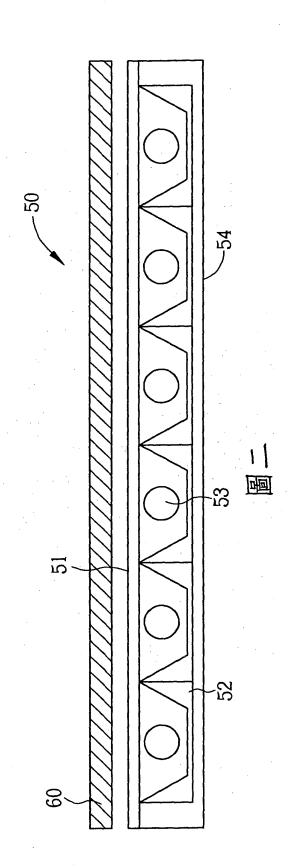
橡膠蓋件係嵌於該殼體相對於該第一側壁之第二側壁上。

- 8. 如申請專利範圍第6項所述之直下式背光模組,其中該第一橡膠蓋件之後端可插入一第一連接器,該第一連接器內有一端子可與該低壓端電連接。
- 9. 如申請專利範圍第6項所述之直下式背光模組,其中該第一連接器藉由一第一導線與一第二連接器連接,且該第二連接器藉由一第二導線與該高壓端電連接。

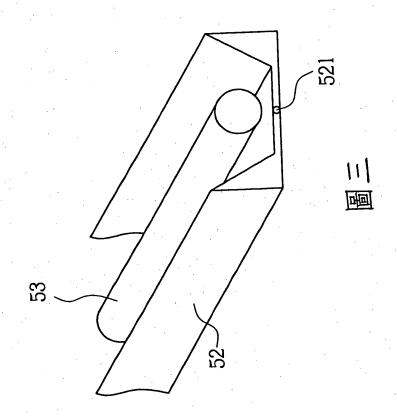


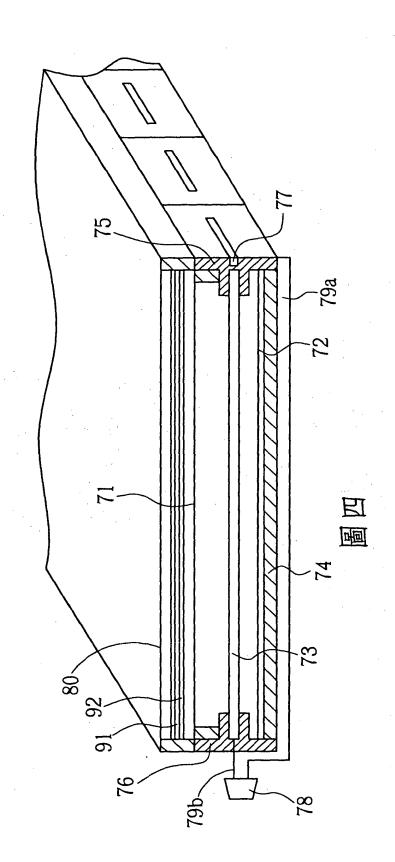


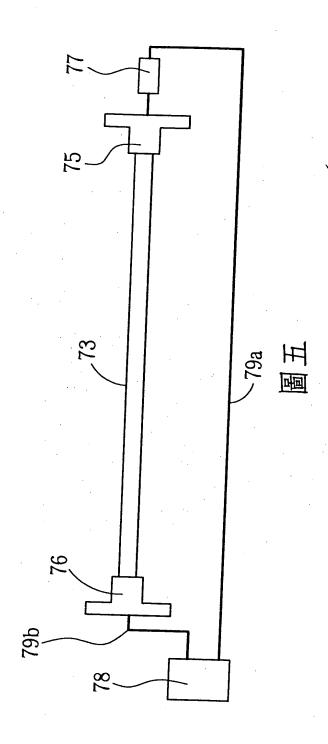


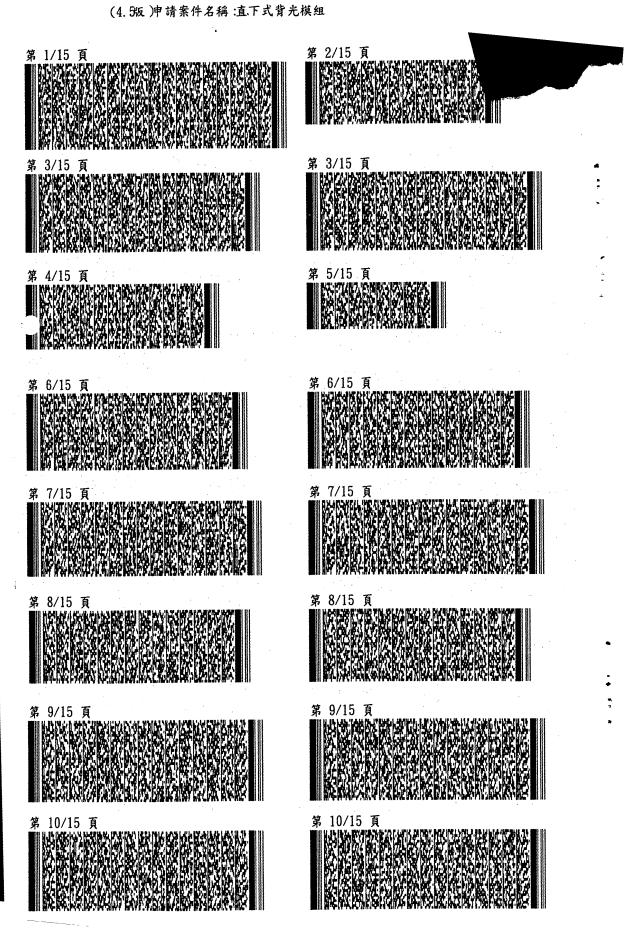












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